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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
DESIGN
PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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(37 CFR 1.16 (e))
required)

Attorney Docket Number	BATG-10
First Named Inventor	Ehling
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	10/772,839
Filing Date	02/05/2004
Art Unit	1761
Examiner Name	

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PRESSURE-CONDITIONING METHOD AND DEVICE

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) **02/05/2004** as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number **10/772,839** and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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Supplemental Sheet

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Application Number

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Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

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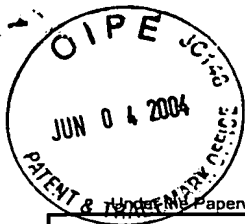
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: UWE WERNER EHLING et al.Application No./Patent No.: n/a Filed/Issue Date: n/aEntitled: PRESSURE-CONDITIONING METHOD AND DEVICE

British American Tobacco (Germany) GmbH

a Corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.
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in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

02 / 19 / 2004

Date

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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION
AND OF LETTERS PATENT

Whereas, we, (the "Inventors/Assignors") Uwe Werner Ehling, Danziger Stra. 8, 95497 Goldkronach, Germany; Gerald Schmekel, Schumacherstr. 72, 25337 Elmshorn, Germany; Frank Plückhahn, Leopoldstr. 14a, ⁹⁵⁴⁴⁴~~95445~~ Bayreuth, Germany; Hans-Werner Fuchs, Am Petershof 5, 95349 Thurnau, Germany; and, Matthias Link, Gontardstr. 3, 95445 Bayreuth, Germany, have invented certain improvements in a **PRESSURE-CONDITIONING METHOD AND DEVICE**, (the "Invention"), which claims priority to and benefit from German Patent Application 103 04 629.1, filed on February 5, 2003, of which a United States Utility Patent Application is being filed herewith, (the "Application"); and

Whereas, (the "Assignee") British American Tobacco (Germany) GmbH, a German Limited Liability Corporation, Alsterufer 4, 20354, Hamburg, Germany, (including its successors and assigns), desires to acquire our entire right, title and interest in said **Application and Invention**, and any United States Patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign and transfer unto said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in said **Application** and the **Invention** disclosed therein for the United States of America, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all patent applications, patents, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and reissues based thereon which may be filed or granted therefor in the United States. We agree to cooperate with Assignee and to execute without additional consideration any additional documents as deemed necessary by

Assignee, to apply for or maintain patents or other legal protection for the **Invention** in the United States of America.

We hereby authorize and request the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the **Invention** set forth in this application to said Assignee.

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